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Sump Pump Discharge and Replacement

WOODSTOCK, IL – Due to the recent heavy rainfall and flooding, McHenry County has received several calls regarding the regulation of discharge from sump pumps and also regarding the replacement of broken pumps in the unincorporated area.

McHenry County does not regulate the location of sump pump discharge in unincorporated areas. Common courtesy dictates that the discharge be contained within the owners property and not discharged onto a neighboring property without permission. However, disputes over the location of sump pump discharge are a civil matter between adjacent property owners. McHenry County cannot arbitrate these conflicts. Property owners are advised that County and township roadway agencies may restrict the discharge of sump pumps directly into their rights-of-way, roadway ditches, and storm sewers. Property owners should contact the appropriate roadway agency if they have questions about discharging their water directly into the roadway.

McHenry County also does not regulate the replacement of broken pumps in unincorporated areas. If a pump can be replaced by removing the old pump and plugging in the new pump and connecting the discharge pipe, no permit is required. Property owners with questions about replacing a sump pump should contact the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development at 815-334-4560.

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